WALKER! I SENT YOU TO ALASKA TO HELP KEEP YOUR COUNTRY SAFE AND I FIND YOU SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING!
I MAKE THE RULES AROUND HERE! STOP MESSING AROUND ON MY DIME!
MONKEY HOT SPRINGS!
I'M TRYING, IRON MAN! THE RULES KEEP CHANGING!
PATSY! COME BACK FROM THE EDGE OF THE WORLD! I NEED TO FIT YOUR DRESS! MY DRESS!
RUBEN! SORRY I'LL MISS YOUR GRADUATION! PLEASE REMEMBER TO WATER MY PLANTS!
I'M MAKING A HOOD FOR YOU. WITH RED TASSELS! AND INVISIBLE THREADS OF GOLD AND BONE!
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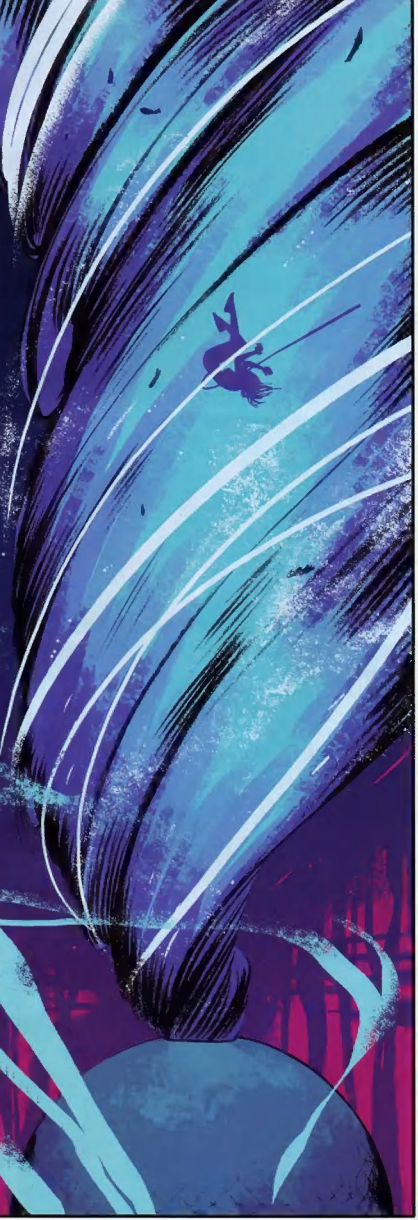


OW!

WELL, IF YOU ALL AREN'T THE *FREAKIEST* LOOKING WELCOMING COMMITTEE I'VE *EVER* SEEN.

scritch scritch
WAIT A SEC. I'VE GOT SOMETHING IN MY EAR.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU FLEW DIRECTLY TO THE TOP OF THE TREE. WELCOME.
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING, AUA. JUST LOOK AT HER.
RED HAIR, RED THREAD. LUCKY. ALWAYS LUCKY.

LUCKY, MY EYEBALL.
I WORK HARD FOR MY MONEY.
MAGIC USERS ALWAYS THINK IT'S LUCK FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE THE GIFT.

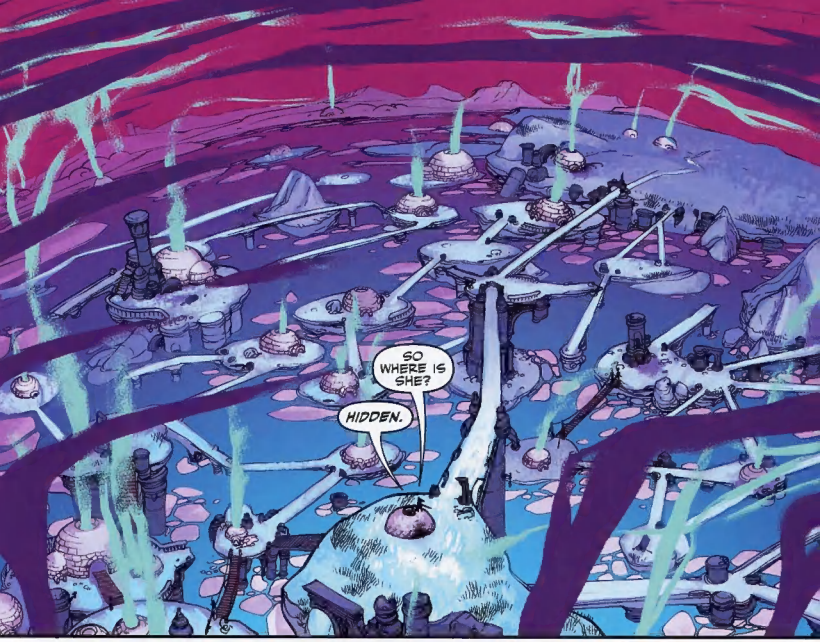
SHE CAN SEE.

BUT, KEES, CAN SHE BE SEEN?
SHE'S RIGHT HERE! AND HER NAME'S...

DO NOT SPEAK!

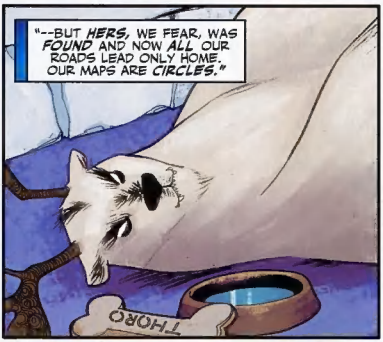
I TOLD YOU! I TOLD YOU! SHE CANNOT BE TAUGHT! IF SHE WAS MY CHILD, I'D HAVE HER CHAINED TO A TABLE AND PEELING POTATOES! FROM BIRTH!
FROM BIRTH! AND WE WOULD NEVER SPEAK OF YOU!
LISTEN, NUTSO. IF I THOUGHT I WAS HERE BY ACCIDENT, I'D LEAVE NOW AND FIND A NICE SPA. SO WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY WANT.
PLEASE, EVERYONE, IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER.
A NAME, A NAME IS NEVER A SIMPLE MATTER.
MAKE KO DO IT.
FINE. LET'S GET ON WITH IT. GIVE ME A NEW NAME BUT THAT IS THE LIMIT OF MY TRIBAL INITIATION TOLERANCE. GOT IT?
DOUBLE CLAWED CAT FULL OF RED HELL FIRE--
CLOSE.
--WITH HER HEAD AGAINST THE WIND AND COMES NOT QUIETLY FROM THE GREAT SEA ROAD.
LIKE I'M GOING TO REMEMBER THAT.

YOU MUST. YOU *MUST.* A SPIRIT *APPROACHES,* CALLING YOUR *NAME.* IF YOU ANSWER, THEN THEIR *POWER* IS *YOURS.*
TONK
I WISH I WERE A FOX--
--AND COULD GO OUTSIDE.
VAAAA!
I WISH *I* COULD GO OUTSIDE.
TONK
GOTCHA!
THE *RAVEN.* SHE *CHOSE* THE RAVEN!


SO WHERE IS SHE?
HIDDEN.

PHYSICALLY HIDDEN? MAGICALLY HIDDEN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN HIDDEN?
CANNOT BE TAUGHT!
HIDDEN FROM US. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YEARS AND MONTHS AND DAYS BUT HER CAPTOR CAN SEE US FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AND HE MOVES AND MOVES.

"WE SECRET THE SOULS OF OUR CHILDREN THAT THEY MAY NOT BE HARMED--


"--BUT HERS, WE FEAR, WAS FOUND AND NOW ALL OUR ROADS LEAD ONLY HOME. OUR MAPS ARE CIRCLES."
THOR

MY LUGGAGE!
THIS IS FANTASTIC! I BET YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST BAGGAGE HANDLERS NORTH SPIRIT STATION EVER HAD!
YOU CRAZY WITCHES ARE THE BEST! WHATEVER YOU WANT ME TO DO, I'M YOURS!
YOU MUST NOT LEAVE YOUR THINGS LYING AROUND! THE ICE WILL KEEP THEM...FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.
IT'S A DEAL!
WE ASK YOU. GO FROM HERE TO SEEK OUR DAUGHTER AND RETURN HER TO US.
WE HOPE THEY MAY CALL TO YOU IN AN APPEALING AND GRIEVING TONE AND NOT DO YOU HARM.
IT COULD BE A ROCK, A LAKE, A BIRD, A PLANT, A LAMP. EACH HAS A SPIRIT. LISTEN!
THAT YOU CAN SEE THE MAGIC BUT NOT WIELD IT WILL BE AT ONCE YOUR WEAPON AND YOUR DISGUISE.
YOU WILL TRAVEL THE SEVEN LAYERS TO THE UPPER WORLD
THAT YOU ARE NOT TRULY ONE OF US SHOULD PROTECT YOU.
YOU MUST FIND COMPANIONS. SEVEN. SEVEN WHO WILL GLADLY LEND THEIR SKINS.

A ROCK, A BIRD. CHECK. YOU THINK THIS FLESH-EATER HAS YOUR PRINCESS AND YOU BELIEVE THAT I'M THE ONE TO BATTLE ON YOUR BEHALF. CHECKITY CHECK.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT. WE FEAR IT.
I BEG YOUR PARDON. LISTEN. I'LL DO THE JOB. YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF THERE.
BELIEF IS FOR THE UNKNOWABLE. FEAR IS FOR WHAT WE DO KNOW. THE WIND, THE ICE, THE DARK. WE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE FOR US.
OH SURE, I KNEW THAT. SO, UH... DO I HAVE TO WALK? OR WHAT.
SO, HOW ARE YOU WITH A STICK?
WHAT, YOU MEAN LIKE A BROOMSTICK?
GET SILAS TO BRING THE TRUCK AROUND.
CHUNKCHUNKCHUNK

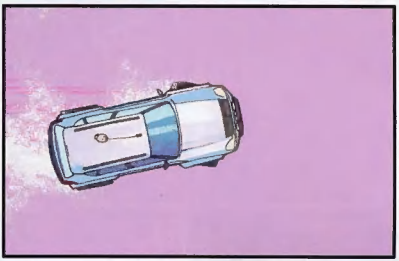
CHUNK CHUNK CHUNK CHUNK
OH. THAT KIND OF STICK. HEY! THAT'S THE JERK THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOW ME AROUND BUT DROVE ME OFF A CLIFF INSTEAD!
KPOW
CHUNK CHUNK CHUNK
YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR TOUR OPERATOR'S LICENSE REVOKED, TRAPPER JOHN.
GEE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, RED.
COME ON AROUND THE BACK, THE GIRLS HAVE SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU.
THAT'S A CALENDAR.
IT'S A MAP!
JUST BECAUSE I'M OPTIMISTIC DOESN'T MEAN I'M STUPID. THAT IS A CALENDAR.

THE KIND OF CALENDAR YOU ONLY SEE IN MUSEUMS. WHERE DID YOU GET IT? AND WHILE I'M ASKING, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHO YOU STOLE THE RALLY TRUCK FROM?
PLEASE, YOU ARE VERY WRONG.
I TOLD YOU, THE ICE KEEPS THINGS. WE HAVE ALSO ANCIENT BOATS, WOOD BOATS, SKIN BOATS, YELLOW BONES AND YELLOW BOOKS BROUGHT TO US BY THE SEA.
AND IT IS A MAP. AND A MAZE. ITS FORM IS UNIMPORTANT. BUT KNOW THAT IT CONTAINS THE RECORD OF ALL OUR JOURNEYS TO SEEK THE HEIR.
SO, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO READ IT? GEEZ, THIS THING IS FULL OF MAGIC. YUCK.
IT WILL PULL YOU AS A LODESTONE PULLS THE NEEDLE. PLEASE. PLEASE.
ALL RIGHTY. SO I GUESS IT'S ALL SECOND STAR TO THE RIGHT AND STRAIGHT ON 'TIL MORNING. LET'S GET TO IT.
DO YOU THINK SHE BELIEVED IT?
WELL, CERTAIN SHE DOES NOT FEAR.
WE'LL SEE. SHE KNOWS MAGIC, JUST NOT WHAT KIND.
KPOW

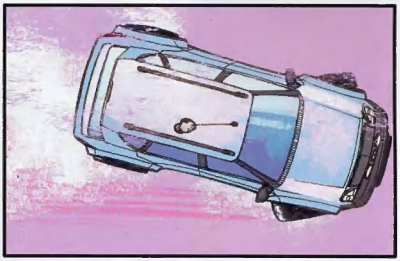
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!

MAP MY SWEET GRANDMOTHER'S CARAMEL CAKE.
SORCERESS!

DON'T MAKE ME COME BACK THERE!
VIXEN! FISHWIFE!
ALL RIGHT, JOE ROCKHEAD, THAT IS ENOUGH!



I'M GOING TO RE-PLASTER YOU IF YOU DON'T STOP IT!



BEHAVE YOURSELF OR I WILL SINK YOU LIKE A BIG, HEAVY, VERY RUDE, STONE OBJECT! GOT IT?
EGH AH.
WHAT?

LOOK OUT, YOU SHE-DEVIL!
IT'S JUST A LITTLE BUMP!
ALL RIGHT, I'M GETTING IT!
HELLCAT!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.
TOUCHDOWN!
BAM
AS SOON AS I GET THIS TRUCK REPACKED, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT! OOF!
WHAM
OW!

WHAM
THAK
CREEEEEEEKK
CREEEAAKK
OH NO NO NO NONONONO. DON'T DO THAT.
WHUNK
SLAM

Did Iron Man send our Ice Queen to start her ***own*** *cold war? Is the land of ice and snow ready for Hellcat's brand of* ***glacial*** *gallivanting? She'll need more than her natural charm to rescue the captive* ***heir*** *from her* ***hairy*** *captor. The wildlife is* ***hungry*** *and they're not* ***gunning*** *for* ***gooseflesh!*** *Check your barometer! All signs say the* ***pressure*** *is* ***rising!***